

UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE
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SECRETARY'S MEMORANDUM 1030-051

**DELEGATION OF AUTHORITY FOR OUTREACH AND ASSISTANCE FOR
SOCIALLY DISADVANTAGED FARMERS AND RANCHERS**

1 PURPOSE

Pursuant to section 2501(a) of the Food, Agriculture, Conservation, and Trade Act of 1990, 7 U.S.C. 2279(a), the Secretary shall carry out an outreach and technical assistance program to encourage and assist socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers in owning and operating farms and ranches, and in participating equitably in the full range of agricultural programs offered by the Department. In furtherance of this program, the Secretary may make grants to, and enter into contracts and other agreements with, an eligible entity to provide information and technical assistance under this section.

2 DELEGATION

The Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics is hereby delegated the authority vested in the Secretary by 7 U.S.C. 2279(a)(3) to make grants and enter into contracts and other agreements to provide such outreach and technical assistance.

This authority is further delegated through the Under Secretary for Research, Education and Economics to the Administrator, Cooperative State Research, Education, and Extension Service.

3 EXISTING DIRECTIVES

Prior delegations of authority by the Secretary to the Assistant Secretary for Administration and to the Director, Office of Outreach, to make grants and enter into contracts and other agreements to provide outreach and technical assistance to socially disadvantaged farmers and ranchers under 7 U.S.C. 2279, are rescinded.

4 INCIDENTAL TRANSFERS

The Assistant Secretary for Administration and the Director, Office of Budget and Program Analysis, are authorized to approve such transfers of funds, personnel, employment authority, space, records, property, and incidentals as may be necessary to implement the provisions of this memorandum.

5 TERMINATION

The memorandum shall remain in effect for 1-year, or until such earlier time as the Department's published delegations of authority have been revised to incorporate the provisions of this memorandum.

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Secretary